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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2867

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SC DEBATE ON AIRCRAFT DIVERSION INCIDENT

REF: USUN 2865

1. IN DISCUSSING NEW LEBANESE DRAFT, AMB SCALI URGED THAT PHRASE " AND VIOLATES PROVISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS SAFEGUARDING CIVIL AVIATION" IN SIXTH PREAMB PARA, AND PHRASE "INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON CIVIL AVIATION" IN SECOND OP PARA BE DELETED. AMB GHORRA SAID THESE CLAUSES HAD BEEN SUBJECT TO MUCH DISCUSSION AND WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO BACK AWAY FROM.

2. SCALI SAID HE WOULD URGE WASHINGTON TO APPROVE USE OF SIMPLE WORD "CONDEMNS" IN OP PARA ONE IF GHORRA COULD SEE HIS WAY CLEAR TO DROPPING "STONGLY". GHORRA INDICATED HE COULD LIVE WITHOUT "STRONGLY" BUT AGAIN CLAIMED HE WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY PERSUADING ARAB AND NON-ALIGNED SUPPORTERS. WE GAINED IMPRESSION GHORRA HIMSELF SO PLEASED BY PROSPECT THAT AMERICANS COULD VOTE "YES" THAT HE WILL TRY HARD TO MEET US ON THIS ONE.

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3. RE PARA THREE, WE DISCUSSED ALTERNATIVES TO "CALLS UPON", INCLUDING "REQUESTS".

4. WE SPOKE AGAINST SECOND CLAUSE OF OP PARA FOUR AT SOME LENGTH. GHORRA ARGUED THAT THIS LANGUAGE, INCLUDING ADJECTIVE "SOLEMNLY" NOT NEW.

5. SCALI MADE EXTENDED EFFORT TO "SELL" BALANCING PARA REFERRING TO ATHENS INCIDENT, STRESSING FACT AMERICANS HAD BEEN KILLED IN THIS CASE. GHORRA NOTED THAT ALL ARAB ORGANIZATIONS HAD CONDEMNED ATHENS INCIDENT AND THAT ATHENS WAS WORK OF PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS. HE SAID IT WOULD OPEN UP PANDORA'S BOX TO TRY TO INSERT SUCH A CLAUSE. SOME WOULD INSIST ON REFERRING TO "STATE TERRORISM" AND INTRODUCING OTHER TROUBLESOME LANGUAGE.

6. I WARNED GHORRA AGAINST ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FROM HARD-LONERS UNTIL WE HAD GOTTEN REACTION FROM WASHINGTON. IF GHORRA STANDS FIRM ON PROPOSED RES, I BELIEVE WE ARE CLOSE TO AN AGREEMENT. GHORRA AND I BOTH NOTED OUR DESIRE TO BRING DEBATE TO RAPID CLOSE. GHORRA OPINED UNANIMOUS VOTE COULD VASTLY IMPROVE PROSPECTS BOTH IN ME AND IN UN. I SAID IT COULD PROVIDE BETTER ATMOSPHERE FOR WALDHEIM TRIP. PLEASE INSTRUCT SOONEST.
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